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TASS CITES KISSINGER ON ARMS AID TO ISRAEL

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(TEXT) WASHINGTON OCTOBER 13 TASS--THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS MAINLY DEVOTED TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

H. KIDDINGER SAID THAT "AFTER HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT THE UNITED STATES SET ITSELF TWO PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES. ONE, TO END THE HOSTILITIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SECONDLY, TO END THE HOSTILITIES IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE TO THE PROMOTION OF A MORE PERMANENT, MORE LASTING SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST".

"FOR NOW, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING ABOUT AN END OF HOSTILITIES IN SUCH A MANNER THAT WE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES AS WELL AS WITH THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

AFTER HOSTILITIES ARE ENDED, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IN THIS MANNER WE CAN MAKE A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST", H. KISSINGER SAID.

ASSESSING THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST H. KISSINGER POINTED OUT THAT "EGYPTIAN FORCES ARE HOLDING THE EAST SIDE OF THE SUEZ CANAL". "THE EGYPTIAN FRONT IS REASONABLY STABLE, HE SAID, AND THE SYRIAN FRONT IS SOMEWHAT FLUID".

WHEN ASKED WHAT MILITARY AID THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVING ISRAEL NOW, H. KISSINGER JUST SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS "AN ONGOING MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL".

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE BYPASSED THE FACTS OF BARBAROUS BOMBINGS BY ISRAELI AVIATION OF CIVILIAN TARGETS ON THE TERRITORY OF EGYPT AND SYRIA, WHICH ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LED TO NUMEROUS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND CAUSED RESOLUTE CONDEMNATION OF MANY COUNTRIES.

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